

The Peterson Report

Mr. Peterson came back. This time to inform us that we could print his report which he now proposes to put on public sale through the facilities of the Department of Commerce. This brings us head on with legal problems, the responsibilities of GPO, etc. Larry Houston has ruled we can't do it and meetings were held with Peterson's representatives to point out the problems. The problems were pointed out by his representative and Peterson was furious. He did alter the request reducing the number from 7,000 to 4,000; offset rather than typeset and saddle stitching rather than binding. He says this 4,000 will be for purely internal Government dissemination and that he will go to the public printer for the issues that will be sold. Colonel White has agreed to accept the job on the condition that Peterson be informed that we are concerned at the size of this task and that when something reaches 6,500 copies we should be reimbursed. He also asked that Peterson be informed that if we are to accept future jobs from him that the conditions be very fixed and understood by both sides. Peterson is being informed of White's position this afternoon. I gather that sometime next week I am to go to Peterson and discuss this whole problem with him.